

REMARKS

Applicants submit this Supplemental Response to correct an informality noticed by Applicants after submission of the prior Request for Continued Examination and Amendment and Response to Final Office Action. In particular, in the prior Response, Applicant listed the status identified for dependent claim 51 as “currently amended,” however, no changes to the claim were made. In the instant Supplemental Response, Applicants have correctly amended dependent claim 51 pursuant to Applicants’ previous intentions. (Applicants note that the claim listing provided herewith assumes that the prior amendments were entered in the application. As such, the only claim amended herein is dependent claim 51). Applicants hereby submit this Supplemental Response as a bona fide attempt to advance prosecution in the instant case.

Dependent claim 51 now recites:

“The method according to claim 35, wherein applying at least a metal forming process comprises:

pressing said plate body after insertion of said metallic tube in said channel.”

Support for this amendment can be found, at least, on page 4, lines 17-18 and page 6, lines 22-24. Support for previously amended dependent claim 50 may also be found in these passages. Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claim 51 is allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as discussed in the prior Response with respect to independent claim 35, from which claim 51 depends.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, and in view of the amendments and remarks contained in the prior RCE and Response to Final Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that claims 35-59 and 63-70 are now allowable, and an early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below to expedite resolution of any issues the Examiner may consider to remain unresolved. In particular, should a Notice of Allowance not be forthcoming, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned for a telephonic interview, an Examiner's amendment, or the like, while the outstanding issues are fresh in the mind of the Examiner.

It is believed that no other fees or deficiencies in fees are owed. However, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 in the event any additional fees or deficiencies in fees are owed.

Respectfully submitted,

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